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SUBJ: VISIT TO DAMASCUS OF LIBYAN PRIMIN JALLUD

1. LIBYAN PRIMIN JALLUD ARRIVED DAMASCUS 1430
DEC 8 FOR ONE-DAY VISIT TO SYRIA. PRIMIN AYYUBI AND
INTMIN ALI ZAZA MET JALLUD AT AIRPORT WHERE LIBYAN
STATED GOL VIEW OF NECESSITY OF REGULAR CONSULTATIONS
BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES. HE ADDED THAT "EVENTS ARE
DEVELOPING QUICKLY WHICH REQUIRE FROM ALL REVOLUTIONARY
FORCES CONFRONTATION WITH IMPERIALIST AND ZIONIST
ASSAULT. WE IN LIBYA CANNOT LEAVE OUR BROTHERS IN
SYRIA ALONE TO FACE THIS ASSAULT" HE THEN MET AT
GUEST HOUSE WITH AYYUBI AND FONMIN KHADDAM AND AT 1915
WAS RECEIVED BY PRES ASAD IN PRESENCE OF KHADDAM AND
AYYUBI.

2. JOINT COMMUNIQUE ISSUED FOLLOWING DAY REPORTED
IN PRESS UNDER HEADING, "SYRIA AND LIBYA CONDEMN
SINAI AGREEMENT AND REAFFIRM UNITY OF LEBANON
AND LEBANESE PEOPLE." TEXT AS PUBLISHED
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HERE SPECIFICALLY REFERRED TO SINAI ACCORD.

COMMUNIQUE STRESSED NEED TO "COMBAT AGREEMENTS SUCH AS SINAI AGREEMENTS AND ITS SECRET ANNEXES THAT UNDERCUT PALESTINIAN ISSUE AND SERVE ZIONIST PRESENCE" TO BE WARY OF ANY "ESTRANGEMENT FROM CONFRONTATION LINE," AND TO SUPPORT EFFORTS AIMED AT RESTORING LEBANESE NATIONAL UNITY.

3. ACCORDING TO EGYPTIAN EMBOFF, JALLUD VISIT WAS AT LIBYAN'S REQUEST AND DISCUSSIONS CENTERED ON LEBANESE EVENTS. EGYPTIAN ASSERTED THAT LIBYA HAD BEEN BRINGING WEAPONS INTO SYRIA FOR SHIPMENT TO LIBYAN-SUPPORTED FACTIONS IN LEBANON, AND THAT SOME SHIPMENTS ARRIVING WITHOUT SARG CONSENT HAD BEEN CONFISCATED BY AUTHORITIES. GOL ALSO BRIDLED AT COUVE DE MURVILLE'S PUBLIC ALLEGATION THAT LIBYA HAS BEEN INTERFERING IN LEBANESE INTERNAL SITUATION, ACCORDING TO EGYPTIAN, AND BELIEVED IT OPPORTUNE TIME TO TOUCH BASE WITH OTHER RECIPIENT OF DE MURVILLE BARB.

4. WESTERN EMBASSY SOURCE DISCUSSED VISIT WITH PRIME MINISTRY PROTOCOL OFFICER WHO ACCOMPANIED JALLUD DURING VISIT AND WAS TOLD THAT JALLUD HAD ASKED SYRIA TO CONTINUE ITS PROPAGANDA ATTACKS AGAINST EGYPT IN HOPES OF UNDERMINING SADAT, AND HAD INDICATED LIBYAN WILLINGNESS TO INCREASE ITS FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO SYRIA.

5. COMMENT: COUVE DE MURVILLE'S STATEMENT ACCUSING LIBYA AND SYRIA OF INTERFERING IN LEBANESE INTERNAL AFFAIRS MAY HAVE BEEN ENOUGH TO EXCITE LIBYAN INTEREST IN VISIT TO COORDINATE SYRIAN-LIBYAN POLICY TOWARD LEBANESE CRISIS. WE ARE UNABLE CONFIRM TITILLATING COMMENT BY EGYPTIAN. FACT THAT DIRECT REFERENCE MADE TO SINAI ACCORD IN COMMUNIQUE MAY BE SOME EVIDENCE THAT LIBYANS WAVERING IN THEIR ADHERENCE TO POLICY LIMITING FURTHER DETERIORATION IN GOE-GOL RELATIONS REPORTED CAIRO 12135.
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